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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

## **CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

### **AGENDA**

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of February 22, 2006***
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 5-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORT THE OVERTOWN RESIDENTS' REQUEST TO NOT CONSTRUCT FDOT PROJECT NUMBER 4107261 - SOUTHBOUND ON AND OFF RAMP TO I-95 AT NORTHWEST 14TH STREET**
  - B. MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIA) MOVER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) - ADA COMPONENTS – *Mac Glasgow, Chair Elderly and Disabled Subcommittee***
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE (ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) – *Bob Williams, Public Works Department Traffic Control Center Engineer***
  - B. CTAC WORKING LIST – *Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat***
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- VIII. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**
- IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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CTAC Subcommittee	4/05/06
CTAC Full Committee	4/19/06
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**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

**CTAC ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Hatcher, Chair  
Norman Wartman, First Vice Chair  
Naomi Wright, Second Vice Chair  
Rolando Acosta  
Andrew Burgess  
Kenneth Carsto  
Daniel Fils-Aime  
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.  
Mac Glasgow

Malou Harrison  
Mario Martinez-Malo  
Steve Nostrand  
Carline Paul  
Emma Pringle  
Ramon Ramos  
Paul Schwiep  
Barbara Walters  
Jeffrey Wander  
Andrea Young

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat  
Paul Chance, MPO  
Mike Robinson, Citizen  
John Kollof, Citizen  
Jack Hart, Citizen  
Melissa Yeber, Student  
Denise Perry, Power Center  
Howard Watts, Citizen

Seraphin Bernard, MDT  
Javier Heredia, PWD  
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT  
Richard Miller, Commissioner Edmonson  
Staff Bob Williams, MDPW, TCC  
Callito Brium, Florida Legal  
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT  
Anthony C. Jennings, MDCPS

Naomi Wright, Second Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Andrea Young. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barbra Walters moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Kenneth Carsto. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. CTAC MEMBER UPDATE**

Steve Nostrand was appointed by Board Member Richard Steinberg.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Robinson thanked the CTAC members for putting Draft Resolution 5-06 on the agenda and requested the FDOT off ramp project from NW 14<sup>th</sup> Street on to I-95 be taken out of the MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

John Kollof, citizen, expressed concern about the over crowded L bus running from Hialeah Metrorail to Lincoln Road. He also expressed the large gap of service time with the Tri-Rail trains and reported the last station going north on Trial-Rail has had a lot of car break-ins in the parking lot that should be looked into. Mr. Kollof was instructed by the Chair to contact MDT directly and express his concerns.

Mac Glasgow informed that there are a lot public sidewalks are not accessible for people in wheelchairs after this past hurricane season. According to Mr. Glasgow, Miami-Dade Public Works Dept. has an order of priority to get the city back in order and the sidewalks are not one of the top ones.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 5-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORT THE OVERTOWN RESIDENTS' REQUEST TO NOT CONSTRUCT FDOT PROJECT NUMBER 4107261 - SOUTHBOUND ON AND OFF RAMPS TO I-95 AT NORTHWEST 14TH STREET**

Norman Wartman moved for the approval of Resolution 5-06 and the motion was seconded by Kenneth Carsto. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**B. MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIA) MOVER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) – ADA COMPONENTS**

There was no airport staff available to address this item. Mr. Glasgow explained his issues with the MIA Mover's Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Glasgow would like an explanation on how people with disabilities and elderly are to get their luggage from the MIC to the Airport without any assistance. Mr. Glasgow would like to see

some type of assistance provided for the elderly and disabled. The Vice-Chair thanked Mr. Glasgow for his comments requested that the Secretariat place the matter on the agenda.

## **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATES (ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)**

Bob Williams, Public Works Department (PWD) Traffic Signals and Signs, gave a brief overview of the old traffic system that was state of the art in the 1970's. The PWD has introduced a new traffic management system called the KITS system that will incorporate the latest computer and communication technology to improve the flow of traffic. The system will accommodate all 2,650 of the County's existing traffic signals and additional future signals. This will allow County staff to improve traffic flow and increase roadway capacity. He informed members that the system is currently being installed in the City of Doral. It will take about four years to have it fully installed throughout Miami-Dade County.

*(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)*

The Vice-Chair asked several questions and then opened up the floor for CTAC members to express questions, comments and concerns.

At this time, with Mr. Williams present, the Secretariat then gave an update regarding public works' issues from past meetings as follows:

1. Flagler Street and Miami Avenue Intersection - Crosswalk lights are not working and have not been working since the Hurricane Pepe Gonzalez of Traffic Control Devices (TCD), the Flagler St. Marketplace contractor, advises this problem will be fixed this month. He is being asked to advise us all when this is done.
2. Flagler Street and NW Miami Court (Starbucks is on the northeast corner) - before reconstruction there were striped crosswalks, which are no longer there. Also, it was suggested to install some type of pedestrian signage or lighting. The unsignalized N and E side crosswalks are very faded and will be replaced after the intersection is repaved by the Flagler St. Marketplace project later this year. The Traffic Engineering Division (TED) or FDOT Traffic Operations would have to study to determine if any additional signage or signalization is warranted. If so, perhaps the City of Miami Capital Improvements Office could add such work into the current Flagler St. Marketplace project ASAP.
3. NE 1st Street on the south side of our own building - The Crosswalk signs are missing or are falling. Also it is suggested that the crosswalk be better marked for cars to identify. At the pedestrian crossing just SE of the SPCC building which is equipped with flashers facing WB traffic, the yellow diamond sign on the L side of the road is tilted 90 degrees and the one on the R side of the road is missing. Staff is being requested to dispatch these two problems. At the pedestrian

crossing under the pedestrian overpass, The Traffic Engineering Division (TED) and/or FDOT Traffic Operations would have to study to determine if any signage or signalization is warranted.

4. Flagler Street and NW 1st Avenue (in front of Caciques Restaurant) - Crosswalk signs should be more visible and the crosswalk be better marked for cars to identify. Striping will be completed by the Flagler St. Marketplace contractor after repaving is completed later this year

## **V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Miami Police Department will be conducting an aggressive traffic enforcement operation in the neighborhoods of Little Havana, Coconut Grove, Flagler and Coral Way on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 titled: Operation Red Light, Green Light. Roll Call will be conducted at 1:00 PM at 3701 N.W. 7 Street (Central Shopping Plaza) behind McDonald's Restaurant. This operation is a proactive approach to addressing the over 21,000 crashes which occurred in the City of Miami last year, as well as the 9% increase in traffic fatalities and 37% increase in pedestrian fatalities.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution requiring members of all County boards to complete ethics training to be conducted by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. Board members that have not taken the training now have ninety days (April 1 – June 30 2006) to complete the training. The presentations are ninety minutes long and include information on the Sunshine Law, the Public Records Act and the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. They have scheduled sessions in North Dade, downtown Miami and South Dade. Sessions will be held in the morning or mid-day. Please contact the Secretariat if you have not taken this training.

Chair and Vice Chair Nominations will be held during next month's April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and elections will take place during the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. So, think about who you want to nominate for all three positions. Those nominated and who accept that nomination will give a 3-minute speech during the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting right before the votes are cast

## **VIII. SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**

MDT issues and updates:

1. **What is being done, or what can be done, to stop the pigeon infestation at all Metrorail stations?**

Miami-Dade County Entomologist Jude Plummer was hired by the County several years ago. Mr. Plummer had advised Miami-Dade Transit that the system wide pigeon control contract in place at the time did not employ acceptable extermination methods. Hence the contract was not renewed. Since that time MDT has been working with Mr. Plummer to develop a new system wide contract for pigeon control services using methods which are acceptable in the industry. In the meantime, MDT has used temporary contracts on an as needed basis to address the most persistent pigeon problems. Efforts will continue to develop the new system wide pigeon control contract.

2. **The security gate at the MLK Station is broke. Please make sure all security gates stay operable and if they break, fix them immediately.**

The security gate at the MLK Station has been fixed. MDT will make sure that all security gates are operable as mechanical problems occur.

**3. When will the clocks at all Metrorail stations be operable?**

Repairs have been completed to the clocks at the following stations:

- University station :( All clocks) completed 3/16/2006
- Douglas Rd: (All clocks) completed 3/16/2006
- Vizcaya: (All clocks) completed 3/16/2006
- South Miami: (All clocks) completed 3/16/2006
- Dadeland North: (one clock) completed 3/16/2006
- Allapattah: (One clock) completed 3/20/2006
- MLK: (Two clocks) completed 3/20/2006
- Santa Clara: (One clock) completed 3/20/2006
- Coconut Grove: (All clocks) completed 3/20/2006
- Civic Center: (All clocks) completed 3/21/2006
- Brownsville: :( All clocks) completed 3/21/2006 but one is on hold for parts.
- Culmer :( All clocks) completed 3/21/2006 but the face needs to be replaced on one of the clocks.

The contractor is inspecting every station to make sure that the clocks are operable.

4. **Lights at the Brownsville Station** - Supervisor (Anael Cervantes) who is familiar with this work was pulled off to rewire the turnstile power supply at Coconut Grove, which was finished. He begun working on the electric short at the Brownsville Station. At that time a generator powered light was placed at the station platform and has been turned it on and off, refueled, etc. The supervisor on duty, responsible for turning the generator on (Sunday-Thursday) confirmed that this was being done.

CTAC member, Hudson Gaulman disagreed with the report and stated the pigeon infestation at all Metrorail stations is continuing and asked the Brownville station be reexamined. Mr. Gaulman also reported that the generator at the Brownsville, that powers the lights, runs out of fuel every two days and it has been a week since it has been refueled.

**IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

Daniel Fils-Aime reported that the Miami Street Car project is in its final phase and requested another presentation be done on the final phase.

Ms. Wright reported that Miami Gardens had a workshop on the North Corridor Metrorail extension and that it was well attended.

**X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST**

Jeffery Wander would like a tour of the County's Traffic Command Center.

Mr. Wander also wanted an update on whether or not the Turnpike in the Homestead area will be widened or not.

Emma Pringle wanted to place the workshop on public school safety on the working list.

Andrew Burgess would like an update on the use of shoulder lanes on I-95.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\***

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